

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re the Application of****Richard L. COLUMBUS****Serial No. 10/074,900****Filed: 02/12/2002****For: CARTRIDGE FOR CONTAINING
A SPECIMEN SAMPLE FOR OPTICAL
ANALYSIS****Examiner: Lyle Alexander****Group Art Unit: 1743****Response to 03/24/04 O.A.****Our File No.: IMMC 231****AMENDMENTS**

In response to the Official Action dated 07/02/2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Claim Rejection under 35 USC § 102

Claims 1 and 4-14 were rejected under 35 USC § 102 as being anticipated by Columbus (US 4,091,802) Hsei (US 5,277,873) or Lappe et al. (US 6,342,183).

Applicant's undersigned representative wishes to thank the examiner for the personal interview on November 10, 2004 and the very constructive suggestions that the examiner has made with respect to applicant's proposed response to the office action. Accordingly, based upon discussions with the examiner in the interview and in order to advance the prosecution of the instant application, and in response to the claim rejection in the outstanding office action, applicant hereby cancels claims 1-14. Since a previous restriction requirement resulted in the cancellation of claims 15-18 pending the filing of a divisional application, applicant has also introduced new claims 19-20, as set forth below, which have been written to reflect matters discussed in the interview.

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